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Manchester Airport Expansion Project

Realignment of Pettingill and Harvey Roads
In
Londonderry

Notice of Permit Application
and
Request for Comments

Manchester Airport, 1 Airport Drive, Manchester, NH 03103-3395 has requested a Corps of Engineers permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to fill approximately 4 acres of wetlands, to modify and control the hydrology of another 6 acres upstream of the new road and to relocate a tributary to Little Cohas Brook in conjunction with the realignment and upgrading of Pettingill and Harvey Roads to form a new perimeter road south of the extended runway 17 in Londonderry. An interior service road around the runway extension is also proposed.

Mitigation for the loss of wetlands in the form of extensive conservation easements is also proposed. The plans for the work and the proposed mitigation are attached to this notice. More detailed information on this project can be obtained by contacting Jim Fougere of The Smart Associates, Environmental Consultants to the Airport's Planning and Engineering Department at 72 North Main Street Concord, NH03301. An Environmental Assessment for this project, prepared for the Airport and FAA, should be available for review.

The purpose of the project is to allow for the safe and efficient flow of present and future traffic around the southern perimeter of the airport and to replace the present South Perimeter Road, which will be cut off by construction of the runway expansion.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Richard Roach at (978) 318-8211 or toll free at (800) 343-4789.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public. A Public Hearing on a companion application to the NH Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau is anticipated and we plan to attend that hearing.

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR
DETAILS OF EVALUATION
FACTORS**

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The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity in the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to effect properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the lead federal agency for the airport expansion project has already consulted with the State office of Historic Preservation (SHPO). Consultation with NH DOT, FAA and the State Historic Preservation Office are continuing

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- (v) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- () Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission
- (v) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

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